

**“Thank You, M’am” by Langston Hughes**  
**Selection Test A**

**Critical Reading** *Identify the letter of the choice that best answers the question.*

- \_\_\_ 1. What happens when Roger tries to steal Mrs. Jones’s purse in “Thank You, M’am”?
- A. He changes his mind because he knows stealing is wrong.
  - B. He changes his mind because he is frightened by her large size.
  - C. The purse is so heavy that he loses his balance and falls.
  - D. He runs away but is caught by another person and brought back to Mrs. Jones.
- \_\_\_ 2. What can you infer about Mrs. Jones’s first reaction to Roger from this sentence in “Thank You, M’am”?
- The large woman simply turned around and kicked him right square in his blue-jeaned sitter.
- A. She is confused.
  - B. She is scared.
  - C. She is angry.
  - D. She is sad.
- \_\_\_ 3. What can you infer about Roger from this exchange with Mrs. Jones in “Thank You, M’am”?
- “Your face is dirty. I got a great mind to wash your face for you. Ain’t you got nobody home to tell you to wash your face?”
- “No’m,” said the boy.
- A. He is shy.
  - B. He is neglected at home.
  - C. He has trouble telling the truth.
  - D. He has a good sense of humor.
- \_\_\_ 4. What can you infer about Mrs. Jones from this remark to Roger in “Thank You, M’am”?
- “But you put yourself in contact with me,” said the woman. “If you think that that contact is not going to last awhile, you got another thought coming. When I get through with you, sir, you are going to remember Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones.”
- A. She is shy.
  - B. She is easily frightened.
  - C. She has trouble expressing herself.
  - D. She is bossy.